



**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 1733
PATENT APPLICATION
965011**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Hiroo MATSUNAGA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/993,504

Group Art Unit: 1733

Confirmation No.: 8148

Examiner: Steven D. Maki

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For: VULCANIZATION PROCESS FOR PNEUMATIC
TIRE AND MOLD THEREFOR

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated April 7, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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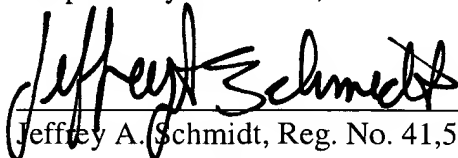
Sir:

An Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 is attached hereto for concurrent filing in the above-identified application. The resulting excess claim fee is calculated as shown below:

	After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For		No. Extra		Rate		Fee Due
All Claims	13	-	20	=	0	X	\$18.00	=	0
Independent	4	-	3	=	1	X	\$86.00	=	\$86.00
TOTAL FEE DUE								=	\$86.00

A check for the statutory fee of \$86.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all additional required fees (except the Issue/Publication Fees) to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this letter is also enclosed.

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